

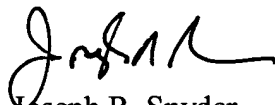
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1-8, 10-12, 14-62 and 64 are pending in this application and presented for examination. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the features of claim 13. Claims 9, 13 and 63 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 10, 14-16, 19, 22 and 26 are amended for proper dependency from a pending claim.

Claim 64 is newly added. Support for new claim 64 is found, for example, in claim 1 as filed, page 10, lines 25-26; and Example 12. As such, no new matter has been entered with the foregoing amendments to the claims and newly added claim.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request early action on the merits. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

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